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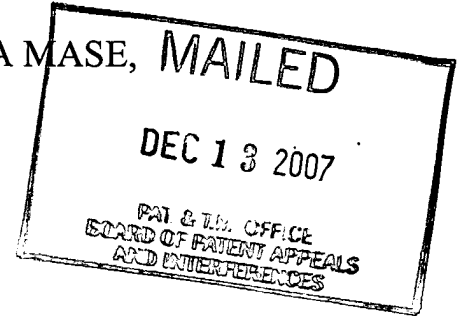
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Ex parte SHUNPEI YAMAZAKI, AKIRA MASE,  
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Application No. 09/285,899

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

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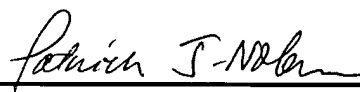
This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 6, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

On May 2, 2007, appellants filed an Appeal Brief. A review of the file reveals that there is no indication that the Appeal Brief has been considered.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Appeal Brief, a written notification to applicants of consideration and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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